

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

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GOVERNOR

December 29, 2009

The Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker  
and Members of the House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Speaker Say and Members of the House:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting herewith two (2) copies of the Department of Accounting and General Services' Annual Report on the Building Code Council for the period December 2008 through December 2009. Pursuant to section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dags/rpts>.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Hanabusa and Members of the Senate:

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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT ON  
THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 2009

SUBMITTED TO  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH STATE LEGISLATURE  
IN RESPONSE TO ACT 82, SLH 2007

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 2009

Background

Pursuant to Act 82, SLH 2007 (the Act), the Building Code Council (the Council) is required to submit an annual report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010.

Achievements During This Period

The Council held its first meeting on August 13, 2007. Since then the Council has held monthly meetings and usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The Subcommittee of County Building Officials (the Subcommittee) has also met to consider model building codes and review proposed amendments from investigative committees. Key outcomes of these meetings are as follows.

1. Formed investigative committees for each of the required and significant building codes. Those investigative committees were:
  - A. Investigative Committee for the Structural Provisions for the International Building Code and International Residential Code (formerly know as Hurricane Protective Shelter Criteria)
  - B. Investigative Committee for the International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code
  - C. Investigative Committee for the State Fire Code
  - D. Investigative Committee for the Uniform Plumbing Code
  - E. Investigative Committee for the National Electrical Code
  - F. Investigative Committee for the Energy Conservation Code
  - G. Investigative Committee for Elevator Code
  - H. Investigative Committee for A/C Ventilation
  - I. Investigative Committee for training on state building codes
2. Outline of process for Council to adopt model building codes with amendments via the administrative rules process.
3. The Subcommittee has approved and recommended to the Council the adoption of the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) and amendments. The Council has moved this recommendation from the Subcommittee forward to the rule making process.
4. The Council received approval from the Governor to present the draft administrative rules for the State Building Code, the State Energy Conservation Code, the State Electrical Code, and the State Plumbing Code to public hearing. The public hearing was held on September 30, 2009 and the Council received no comments which would require revision

to the draft rules. The draft rules will be submitted to the Governor in late 2009 and it is anticipated that final approval of these rules will be received in early 2010.

5. The Council's adoption of the State Fire Code is dependent on the State Fire Council adopting the latest version of the State Fire Code (through administrative rules) which is targeted for late 2009 when it is anticipated that the State Fire Council will receive final approval for these rules from the Governor.

### Membership

The current Council members are as follows:

1. Timothy F.T. Hiu, City and County of Honolulu
2. Brian Kajikawa, County of Hawaii
3. Ralph Nagamine, County of Maui
4. Douglas Haigh, County of Kauai
5. Socrates Bratakos, State Fire Council
6. Gary Chock, Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii
7. Jerry Haruno, Department of Health
8. Keith Rudolph, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
9. William Brizee, American Institute of Architects, Hawaii State Council
10. Russ K. Saito, State Comptroller

The current Subcommittee members are as follows:

1. Timothy F.T. Hiu, City and County of Honolulu
2. Brian Kajikawa, County of Hawaii
3. Ralph Nagamine, County of Maui
4. Douglas Haigh, County of Kauai

The current Investigative Committee chairs are as follows:

1. Structural Standards and Provisions  
Chair: Gary Chock
2. International Building Code, residential code, and existing building code  
Chair: William Brizee
3. State Fire Code  
Chair: Socrates Bratakos
4. Plumbing and Individual Waste Water Systems  
Chair: Gregg Serikaku

5. Energy Conservation Code  
Chair: Howard Wiig
6. Elevator Code  
Chair: Keith Rudolph
7. Training  
Chair: Ann Ogata-Deal, Ralph Nagamine

### Summary

The status of the four codes required by the Act follows:

1. The hurricane protective shelter criteria which is included in the 2006 International Building Code has been adopted by the Council.
2. The administrative rules adopting the International Building Code as the State Building Code is expected to receive final approval from the Governor and be in effect in early 2010.
3. The third code required by the Act, the State Fire Code is dependent on the Governor giving final approval to the administrative rules on the State Fire Code in early 2010.
4. The administrative rules adopting the fourth code, the UPC, is expected to receive final approval from the Governor and be in effect in early 2010.
5. The administrative rules adopting the State Energy Code based on the International Energy Conservation Code is expected to receive final approval from the Governor and be in effect in early 2010.